

Fun Finger Paint

You Will Need:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of liquid hand soap (clear or white)
- ✓ I teaspoon of cornstarch
- ✓ Food coloring is optional (lighter colors are easier to wash off)
- ✓ Small bowl

Directions:

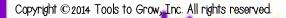
- I. Combine the soap and cornstarch in a small bowl.
- 2. To make several colors you can divide the mixture into small containers.
- 3. Add food coloring one drop at a time.

<u>Fun Tips:</u>

- ☺ Allow child to use his/her fingers to create beautiful artwork.
- Some children may need to start by using just the tip of one finger until they are comfortable.
- Other children may need to use a paint brush or sponge until they can tolerate the touch of finger paint on their fingers/hands.

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Puffy Paint

You Will Need:

- ✓ I cup white shaving cream
- ✓ $\frac{1}{2}$ cup white liquid glue
- ✓ Small bowl
- ✓ Food Coloring (optional)
- \checkmark Paper to be painted

Directions:

- I. Mix the shaving cream and glue together in a bowl.
- 2. If the mixture appears too "thin", add more glue to make it "stiffer".
- 3. Once painted, projects will require several hours to dry.

Fun Tips:

- © Some children may initially resist mixing the ingredients with their fingers.
- \bigcirc Allow them to use a spoon until he or she develops a tolerance.
- Some children may need to apply the mixture with a paint brush.
- \bigcirc Gently entice your child to use the mixture as finger paint.
- ③ When dry the paint will have an elevated or puffy appearance.
- This paint may be used for many projects such as Santa's beard (Christmas), ghosts (Halloween), and Penguins (winter).

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Oatmeal Clay

You Will Need:

- ✓ I cup of rolled oats (instant or old fashioned)
- ✓ 2/3 cup of all-purpose flour
- ✓ ¹/₂ cup water
- \checkmark Food coloring may be added to the water if colored clay is desired.
- ✓ Large bowl

Directions:

- I. Combine all the ingredients into a large bowl. Stir until a lump is formed. You may need to add flour if necessary.
- 2. Knead the dough on a floured surface. Continue to knead until the dough is no longer sticky.

<u>Fun Tips:</u>

- O The clay can be used to make creative 3 dimensional objects.
- You can provide simple objects for your child to imitate or provide hints about things they can create.
- This type of clay provides resistance to help strengthen hands and your child's imagination!
- \bigcirc The clay projects will require up to 24 hours to air dry.
- Store left over clay in the refrigerator in a sealed plastic container or bag. Un-used clay will last up to 3 hours.

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You Will Need:

- ✓ 2 cups corn starch
- ✓ 4 cup water
- ✓ Food coloring (optional)
- \checkmark | large pan (about 10x 12 inches with elevated sides)

Directions:

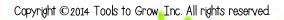
- I. Pour corn starch into the pan.
- 2. Slowly add the water.
- 3. Squeeze and knead the mixture as water is very slowly added.

Fun Tips:

- \odot This tactile mixture fascinates young children.
- It crumbles when you try to pick it up, but once in your hand it "melts" out.

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This activity can get messy; have protection for the clothing and the play area.



Holiday Cinnamon Shapes

You Will Need:

- ✓ Bowl
- ✓ I cup of cinnamon
- ✓ ¼ cup water
- \checkmark 1/4 cup white glue

- ∕ Oven ¢ Oven Mitts
- ✓ Rolling pin
- Cookie sheet
- Cookie cutters

Directions:

- I. Pre-heat the oven to 200 degrees.
- 2. Mix the cinnamon, water, and glue together in a large bowl.
- 3. Add a little more water if mixture seems too dry.
- 4. Knead into a ball.
- 5. Roll out dough with the rolling pin.
- 6. Use cookie cutters to make festive shapes.
- 7. Carefully place the dough shapes on a cookie sheet to bake.
- 8. Turn the shapes every 10 minutes until they are firm.

Fun Tips:

- The dough makes great hanging holiday ornaments. Simply use a straw to punch a hole at the top before baking. Lace a string/ribbon through the hole and tie a loop. Your child can decorate with small beads, glitter, etc.
- This recipe provides intense olfactory (smell) and tactile (touch) experiences.
- igodot Your child can make these as gifts for friends and family.



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